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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USS JONAS INGRAM (DD938) TO SENEGAL

1. SUMMARY: 10-12 FEBRUARY 1977 VISIT OF USS JONAS INGRAM TO SENEGAL RECEIVED EXTREMELY WARM WELCOME BY SENEGALESE, LOCAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND FRENCH MILITARY COMMUNITY AND FRENCH MILITARY COMMUNITY. EVENTS INCLUDED FIVE OFFICIAL CALLS, FIVE RETURN CALLS, TWO MAJOR RECEPTIONS AND TWO LUNCHEONS. GENERAL AND SELECTIVE VISITING, CHARITY DONATION AND ATHLETIC EVENTS WERE OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF VERY HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. HIGHLY POSITIVE DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARD US WAS IN EVIDENCE IN CALLS BY COMDESRON FOURTEEN AND CO USS JONAS INGRAM ON FRANCOIS BOB, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER; AMADOU CLEDOR FALL, MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES; LTCOL COUMBA DIOUF NIANG, ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF ARMED FORCES; EL HADJ MALICK BA, GOVERNOR OF CAP-VERT; AND LT. ALEXANDRE DIAM,
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ACTING COMMANDER OF NAVY.

3. RECEPTION FOR 400 AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON FEB. 10 RECEIVED VERY GOOD TURNOUT OF SENEGALESE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS CHIEFS OF MISSION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, INCLUDING MILITARY ATTACHES. FRENCH MILITARY SERVICES WERE ALSO WELL REPRESENTED.

4. ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF SENEGALESE ARMED FORCES WAS HOST AT RECEPTION FOR SHIP'S OFFICERS WHICH INCLUDED MILITARY ATTACHES, COMMANDER OF FRENCH FORCES AND NUMEROUS SENEGALESE OFFICERS, MANY OF WHOM DO NOT NORMALLY ATTEND SUCH EVENTS.

5. COMMODORE GAVE LUNCHEON ABOARD SHIP 10 FEB FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL GOVERNOR, FOREIGN MINISTRY, DEFENSE MINISTRY, CHIEF OF STAFF ARMED FORCES, AND SENEGALESE NAVY. ANOTHER LUNCHEON WAS GIVEN 11 FEB WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF DEFENSE MINISTRY, CHIEF OF STAFF ARMED FORCES, SENEGALESE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE; MILITARY ATTACHES AND FRENCH FORCES. BOTH LUNCHEONS WERE FOLLOWED BY TOURS OF SHIP.

6. VISIT ALSO INCLUDED GENERAL VISITATION AND VISITATION FOR SELECTED GROUPS AND OFFICIALS BY INVITATION (APPROXIMATELY 200 PARTICIPANTS).

7. COMMODORE PRESENTED PROJECT HANDCLASP SUPPLIES CONSISTING OF VARIOUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES DURING CALL AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

8. SHIP'S CREW PARTICIPATED IN ATHLETIC EVENTS WITH SENEGALESE MILITARY TEAMS.

9. COMMENT: EMBASSY JUDGES VISIT TO HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. SHIP'S PERSONNEL WERE WELL RECEIVED AT ALL LEVELS THAN THOSE SET FOR OTHER RECENT VISITS. SHIP'S PERSONNEL
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RETURNED THESE COURTESIES BY EXEMPLARY CONDUCT, ENTHUSIASM AND KEEN INTEREST IN SENEGAL AND AFRICA. MANY FAVORABLE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON VISIT AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT CAPT. MOREDOCK, COMDESRON 14 AND CDR. DODSON, CO USS JONAS INGRAM. WE CONSIDER THIS VISIT TO HAVE LEFT BEST IMPRESSION OF ANY OF RECENT NAVY SHIP VISITS. LEVEL AND THE WARMTH OF SENEGALESE WELCOME TO USS JONAS INGRAM REINFORCED IMPRESSION OF CLOSE AND FRIENDLY NATURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND US. JUDGING FROM ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING VISIT AND FROM POINTED COMMENTS MADE TO US BY SENEGALESE OFFICIALS, GOS WAS INTENT UPON DISPLAYING A SERIOUS INTEREST IN CLOSER US-SENEGAL MILITARY COOPERATION.
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